

DPW

NOV 21 2005

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

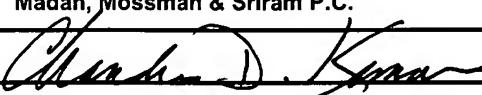
## TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	10/713,708	
	Filing Date	November 11, 2003	
	First Named Inventor	Peter Fontana et al.	
	Art Unit	3672	
	Examiner Name	Frank Tsay	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	11	Attorney Docket Number	414-29962-US

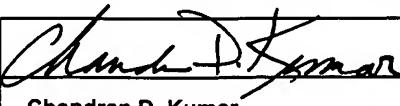
<b>ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please Identify below):  <b>1. Response to Office Action mailed August 17, 2005</b>
Remarks		
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (414-29962-US).		

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	Madan, Mossman & Sriram P.C.		
Signature			
Printed name	Chandran D. Kumar		
Date	November 17, 2005	Reg. No.	48,679

### CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature			
Typed or printed name	Chandran D. Kumar	Date	November 17, 2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Peter Fontana et al.

§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§

Group Art Unit: 3672

SERIAL NO.: 10/713,708

Examiner: Frank Tsay

FILED: November 14, 2003

Atty Docket No.: 414-29962-US

TITLE: "Novel Wellbore Fluid Circulation  
System and Method"

M.S. DD  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 17, 2005**

This is in response to the Office Action, dated August 17, 2005 for the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 7.